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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, GB

SUBJ: POSSIBLE GOG REACTION TO DISCLOSURE OF AGENTS FEES IN  
MILITARY SALES

REF: STATE 255260

1. ALTHOUGH STANDARD PRACTICE IN GOG PURCHASES, AGENTS' FEES  
NEVER MADE PUBLIC. LAST JUNE PRESIDENT BONGO IDENTIFIED BY ASHLAND  
OIL AS RECIPIENT OF "FEE" CONNECTED WITH OBTAINING OIL CONCESSION.  
GOG HAS ISSUED PUBLIC DENIALS OF BONGO'S COMPLICITY BUT PRESIDENT  
UNDERSTANDABLY WILL BE SENSITIVE TO FEE DISCLOSURES SUCH AS  
DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. IN PAST, GOG PREFERRED COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF U.S. MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT IN SPITE FMS CREDIT ELIGIBILITY. WHILE REFTEL NOT  
CLEAR WHAT FEE DISCLOSURE MECHANISMS CONTEMPLATED BY DEPT. OR  
CONGRESS FOR COMMERCIAL SALES, EMBASSY FEARS U.S. FIRMS  
WOULD BE VIRTUALLY RULED OUT OF GABONESE MARKET BY REQUIREMENT  
TO DISCLOSE AGENTS' FEES OR EVEN BY PROCEDURE THAT FORCES  
GOG PUBLICLY TO WAIVE FEE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT. STEIGMAN

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